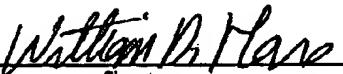


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)		Docket No. RLL-170US
In Re Application Of: RAMPAL et al.		
Serial No. 09/941,970	Filing Date August 29, 2003	Examiner Micah Paul Young
Invention: CONTROLLED RELEASE FORMULATION OF ERYTHROMYCIN OR A DERIVATIVE THEREOF		
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>		
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>August 19, 2003</u> above-identified application.		
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months		
from: <u>November 19, 2003</u> <i>Date</i>	until: <u>December 19, 2003</u> <i>Date</i>	
The fee for the extension of time is \$110 and is to be paid as follows:		
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0912. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0912. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.		
 <i>Signature</i>		Dated: <u>December 19, 2003</u>
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <u>December 19, 2003</u> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231. </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence Kim Campbell Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence </div>		

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